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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

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-- This application is the US national phase of international application

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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5. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein there is further provided means to generate at least one link between each marketplace product definition stored in the marketplace product store to data stored in the enterprise capability store, said links being determined by a requirement in the respective marketplace product definition